

# Littlefield Letters



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## MUSTER CALL

date: Thursday  
14 July 1988  
time: 6:15 p.m.  
Mess Call  
place: Wyatt's Cafeteria  
Hancock Center

All members are hereby ordered to muster for the regular monthly meeting of Camp #59 as per the date and time listed above. You may not buy substitutes for this detail. As this is considered a family affair, you are ordered to consider bringing family and any raw recruits that you can find. A bounty of satisfaction and good will shall go to those bringing in recruits. As we have all been busy with Gettysburg, our program title was unavailable at press time. See you there?

## ENLISTMENTS

We are very pleased to report that we received two new members into camp membership at the May meeting.

COMPATRIOT ROSS LOVELACE SHIPMAN joins Camp #59 as a transfer from Jefferson Davis Camp #635, Jackson, Mississippi. He is a SCV member upon the record of his Great Grandfather James Jesse Smylie who was a member of the Third Regiment of Mississippi Infantry, CSA. He served as a Private, Quartermaster, in Companies C, F, and S. He was also a member of the Eighteenth Regiment, Mississippi Infantry, serving in Company H.

COMPATRIOT JAMES WATSON YANCY, JR. joins the SCV upon the record of his Great Grandfather Thomas G. White who was a member of Company F, 13th Texas Cavalry. He served as a private and was a Brigade Teamster. He served until April 1865. Compatriot Yancy is an attorney who was born at Lufkin on the 24th of September.

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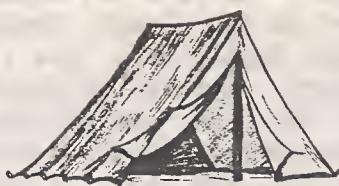


Wall tent

## GETTYSBURG REPORT

We found quite a few SCV'ers present at the 125th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg. Many were there from Tennessee, Houston and other places. Our Deputy CIC had the extreme misfortune of having his van and its contents (uniforms, accoutrements, etc.) stolen when he stopped at Memphis for the night. Fortunately nothing of this kind happened to members of the Littlefield Battery.

Attending were Cpl./Cpt. David Morris, Marlow Taylor, Cdr. Rodney Leist, Wes Schiowitz, Edwin Smith, Kerry Hellums, and Greg Hector. Thousands descended upon the little town of Gettysburg. We participated in three battles over three days. David and Kerry took part in the fourth battle. A lot of sight-seeing took place. We all thought by going north that we were getting away from the heat, but with 102 degrees of temperature, we decided we had carried Texas heat with us.



Wedge tent, four men. 7 ft. x 7 ft.

## CAMP NEWS

We are very pleased to report that we have received a birth announcement from Compatriot Pat Yarbrough. Pat and his wife, Babs, proudly announce the birth of a son, JAMES PLEASANT "JEB" YARBROUGH, who was born on 28 May 1988 at 9:20 a.m. He weighed seven pounds and eight ounces and was twenty inches long.

Our congratulations to the family of Compatriot Yarbrough on the birth of a new member in their family. We hope when he is older that his Dad will sponsor him into SCV membership also.

## DIVISION CONVENTION NEWS

We understand that the Albert S. Johnston Camp #67 in Houston did their usually superb job in hosting the 1988 Texas Division Convention. The Convention approved a resolution to be presented at the General Convention in Columbia, South Carolina, in August to forgive past National dues when reinstating former members and substituting a \$5.00 Reinstatement Fee.

Peter W. Orlebeke (Camp #59 Dixie Donor) was chosen to lead the Division. His staff is listed in this newsletter. Our congratulations go to Carl Lehmborg, Alamo Camp, San Antonio for being chosen as Quartermaster. We expect to hear more and more from our brethren in San Antonio. The 1989 Division Convention will be held there. We will want to have a large contingency there to support them as they are our neighbors to the South, and they are members of the same brigade.

We have been informed by Cdr. Orlebeke that the LITTLEFIELD LETTERS was chosen as the Best Newsletter in the Texas Division for 1987-88. We graciously appreciate this honor of a labor of love.



"Pup" tent (two shelter-halves)

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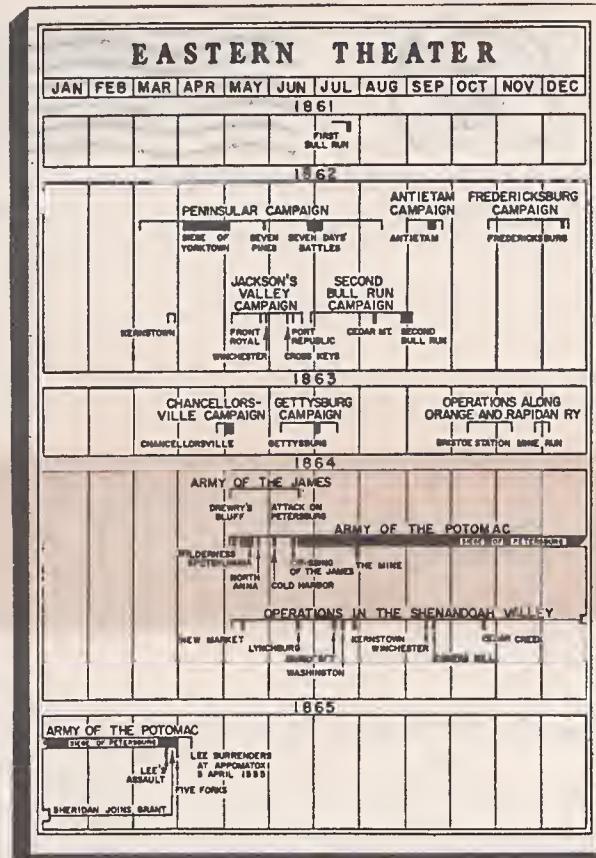
## LOSS OF REAL SON

It is with a great deal of sadness that we report the death of one of our camp's Real Sons. A Real Son, of course, is a member whose father was a Confederate soldier.

JOE LITTLETON PATTERSON, Real Son, crossed over the river to rest in the shade of the trees on 19 May 1988. He was a retired carpenter who was born 28 March 1904 at Votaw, Texas. He lived in Smithville. Compatriot Patterson was a member of the SCV upon the record of his father, Henry Thomas Patterson, who was a Private in Company C, 4th Regiment, Florida Infantry. Private Henry Patterson served until the end of the war.

Compatriot Patterson was introduced to the camp by Compatriot Wes Williams who sponsored his application.

The loss of any member causes us much sorrow, but the loss of a Real Son is doubly so. Their ranks are thinning, and their loss will cause those of us who remain to be one more generation removed from the old boys in gray.



## THE CONFEDERACY:

### KENTUCKY

Another of the states very important to the Confederacy though not a part of it was Kentucky. The birthplace of both Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln, being a border state was strongly nationalistic but also economically tied to the South. For a generation they had straddled the fence consistently working for compromise.

When war came its governor refused to honor Pres. Lincoln's call for troops to battle the South. The State Legislature, 20 May 1861, resolved to remain neutral. Lincoln assured the Kentuckians no Union troops would be sent into the state as long as peace remained. For a while both sides honored the neutrality.

Kentuckians though did volunteer for service. Union volunteers were accepted at camps north of the Ohio, while Confederates were accepted in northern Tennessee. The home-guard Kentucky militia divided into two groups.

On 3 September 1861 Confederate Maj. Gen. Leonidas Polk led his forces from Tennessee into Kentucky. Brig. Gen. U.S. Grant countered by occupying Paducah. Members of the militia rushed to assist their respective armies. The Kentuckians in the Confederate army held a convention at Russellville in November 1861 and adopted an ordinance of secession. Since the governor was pro-South and the Legislature was pro-North, confusion ran rampant.

The Confederates enjoyed some success, but after the fall of Forts Henry and Donelson, the state fell under Union control with only minor successes after that.

Nearly 76,000 Kentuckians served with the Federals while 25,000 served the Confederacy. Of all who served, approximately 30,000 died, 10,000 from battle causes and the rest of disease and exposure.

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Minié bullet, with iron cup



Enfield, wooden plug

Pritchett bullet for  
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